

# Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the RCE of October 31, 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 5 and 23-27 (now renumbered 1-6).
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

### Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**EXAMINER'S COMMENT**

and

**EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 5 and 23-27 (now renumbered 1-6) are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The examiner interprets the following limitation of newly amended claim 5, i.e. "from an opening" to mean that a laser beam, from a laser beam source, is outputted through an opening, and the laser beam outputted through the opening, is modulated by an image signal. Support for the limitation "an opening" is found in the specification filed August 18, 2004.

Each and every limitation of claim 5 is required to patentably distinguish the claim over the prior art of record.

The prior art of record neither shows nor suggests all of the limitations of independent claim 27, in combination, and particularly:

"a light source unit for screen monitoring that emits invisible light for monitoring the screen;

a screen monitoring unit that receives the invisible light reflected from the screen, and includes a light source that emits invisible light and a light receiving unit that receives invisible light reflected from the screen;

a control unit that controls the laser beam source so as to stop output of the laser beam based on an output of the screen monitoring unit;

a filter that allows the invisible light to pass through and absorbs or reflects the laser beam that is arranged in a light path between the screen and the light receiving unit; and

a housing that covers an optical path from the laser beam source to the backside of the screen, wherein:

the control unit controls the laser beam source so as to stop output of the laser beam when an intensity of the invisible light received by the light receiving unit is lower than a predetermined value."

### ***Conclusion***

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melissa J. Koval whose telephone number is (571) 272-2121. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

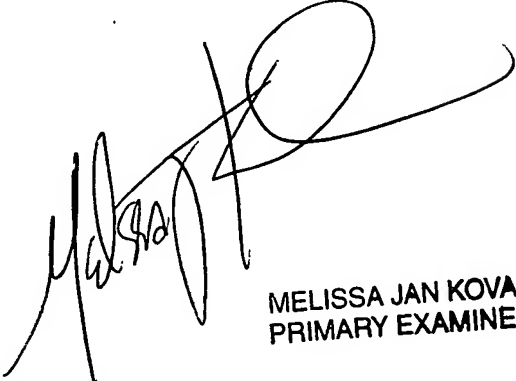
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick Assouad can be reached on (571) 272-2210. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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